Advertisement for recruitment in Group 'D'

†1938. SHRI ALI ANWAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railway Recruitment Board had advertised for the jobs in Group 'D';

(b) whether it is also a fact that the task for issuing the admission cards has been assigned to a private company;

(c) if so, the number of persons applied therefor;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the admission card for above had been sent only to selective persons under a conspiracy; and

(e) if so, whether Government propose to take proper action after conducting inquiry in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Participation of black listed firm in bidding of tender by Metro Railway

1939. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a firm named the Accord Advertising Pvt. Ltd. became the highest bidder against tender Notice No. Metro/T-Coml./AD-CP/Rakes/2006, published by Metro Railway, Kolkata on 24th May, 2006;

(b) whether the said firm disclosed that they have been virtually black listed by the Calcutta Tramways Company (1978) Ltd. from 18th October, 2002; and

(c) if so, how this company was allowed to participate in the bid process?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Open Tender was called from bonafide persons/firm/Companies having

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adequate experience, capacity and reputation. Option was there also to download the Tender papers from Metro Railway's website—*www.kolmetro.com*. M/s. Accord Advertising Pvt. Ltd. have submitted their bid in sealed cover along with other such Agencies. Presently the Tender is under evaluation.

Fake Railway tickets

†1940. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that special vigilance squad of Railway Board has unearthed a racket of fake tickets in Railways;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise

(c) Regular preventive and surprise drives/checks are conducted at different stations to curb such malpractices and stern action is taken against the staff, found responsible. In respect of outsiders, cases are registered with police under relevant provisions of law.

Rail over bridges in Kerala

1941. SHRI K. E. ISMAIL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that there are some Rail Over Bridges (ROBs) in Kerala, which cannot be commissioned, because the portion over the Railway track, which is to be built by the Railways remain incomplete;

(b) how many such ROBs are there in Kerala; and

(c) whether immediate steps would be taken to complete these works?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

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